



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 16, 2018

The Environmental Commission Urban Forestry Committee convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at One Texas Center in the Big 12 Conference Room at 505 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78704.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Wendy Gordon
Linda Guerrero
Peggy Maceo
Pam Thompson

Commissioners Absent:

Mary Ann Neely

Staff in Attendance:

Kaela Champlin
Christopher Dolph
Michael Embesi
Emily King
Chuck Lesniak
Keith Mars
Shelly Miller
Joe Osborne
April Rose

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Peggy Maceo called the meeting to order at 11:10 A.M.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Speakers should sign up to speak prior to the meeting being called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment to discuss topics not posted on the agenda.

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

a. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Committee Meeting of February 7, 2017

The minutes of the February 7, 2017 Urban Forestry Committee Meeting were approved on Commissioner Maceo's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Neely was absent.

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

a. Austin Energy Utility Forestry Report – Joe Osborne, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

- b. Capitol Complex Tree Transplanting – Michael Embesi, Community Tree Preservation Division Manager, Development Services Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
- c. Urban Forestry Program Report (including Urban Forest Plan update) – Emily King, Urban Forester, Development Services Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
- d. City Arborist Program Report (including Heritage Tree data) – Keith Mars, City Arborist, Development Services Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
- e. CodeNEXT Update – Keith Mars, City Arborist, Development Services Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
- f. Illegal tree removals on Duval Road– Peggy Maceo, Environmental Commission, Urban Forestry Committee Chair
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Peggy Maceo adjourned the meeting at 12:52 P.M.

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